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Minutes 03/14/2011

Arlington Cultural Council

Minutes of Monday, March 14, 2011 Meeting

Arlington Senior Center, Arlington, MA

Present: Karin Blum, Eliza Burden, Anyahlee Canas, Tom Formicola, Kurt Fusaris, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Suzanne McLeod, Scott Samenfeld, Sharon Shaloo.

Absent: Margaret Barrett

Suzanne called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

ITEM 1 February 2011 minutes were reviewed and APPROVED.

ITEM 2 April 11 Grantee Reception at Town Hall. Grant recipients were asked to bring materials to display; we need to remind them and confirm that they received their invitation and will be present on April 11. Anyah brought invitations and addresses were adhered. Stephanie will send out invitations and will send grant recipients extra cards to give to their friends. Margaret to follow up with Jay Kaufman to see if he will attend.

- Tom reported that while he will not be in attendance that night, he asked Johnnies and Trader Joes for food donations for the event. (He needs the Town tax i.d. from Sharon to give to T. Joe's). Trader Joes will provide a \$50 collection of drinks and cookies; Kurt to pick up on Saturday before the event. Johnnies provided a \$25 certificate; Stephanie will pick up cheese and crackers and ice there the day of the event. Sharon will go to Costco to get veggie platter, sandwich platter, plates and cups. Stephanie will bring plastic platters; Anyah will bring ice bucket and tongs

- Scott has added the event to ACC website; he also plans to play music at the beginning of the event.

- Eliza presented a mock-up of the program. Sharon offered to add some info including the evening's program order. Eliza will forward the draft to her for comments. Eliza will print programs in the Selectmen's office prior to the event.

- Welcome table. Anyah will provide a tablecloth for the welcome table and Suzanne will provide nametags. ACC members should plan to be present at 5:15 for event set-up.

- Stephanie will ask Susan Murie if she will attend and if she would be our photographer of the recipients. Anyah will also bring a camera.

Order of program will be as follows:

- Margaret will act as emcee and will welcome those gathered.

- She will introduce the Senator Ken Donnelly, and state reps Brownsberger and Sean Garballey, also Jay Kaufman if he attends, and ask if they would like to say a word.

- She will then introduce Kylie Sullivan of the MCC to present the Goldstar award to Betsy Schramm

- Then she will introduce Clarissa Rowe who will announce this year's recipients (we will provide Clarissa with a short 1 or 2 sentence blurb on each recipient that she will read rather than handing them a certificate; Karin will have the blurbs assembled for Clarissa). Recipients will be asked to gather for a photo that can be submitted to the Advocate.

- Photograph of recipients (by Susan Murie?)

ITEM 3 One RFP (2011-10) for \$1500, Pasquale Tassone, was submitted. This Ricardo Odriozola concert on Feb 11 was a success with 150-200 in attendance; Margaret attended. This RFP was APPROVED PENDING

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ITEM 4 Reports on Outstanding Grants -

- 2010-02, Cancer Ctr. Sharon reported that she had no word from them but that there was a reading held in February
- 2010-29, Kendall Dudley "Postcards from Afghanistan" has not submitted an RFP yet. Stephanie will inquire.
- 2010-16, Liza Halley, Robbins Library. Stephanie reported the program is underway with 11 people registered (fewer than the 18 they were hoping for)
- 2010-19, Malong Malual. Anyah waiting on word from the contact on project progress.
- 2010-18, Sherry Donovan of Thompson School will submit RFP shortly. Sharon suggested to Anyah that she check with the MCC to see if it has to be the PTO to submit the RFP; Sharon thought perhaps the ACC might not be able to give directly to the school. Anyah will check on this.

ITEM 5 Treasurer's Report. Sharon mentioned that there are 5 outstanding grants, as mentioned above. We are now earning no interest on our accounts. And she anticipates falling well below the \$500 budgeted for administrative expenses since we spent so little for 2010 Town Day.

ITEM 6 Grant Cycle Business: Grant Recipient Publicity -- Grant recipients were contacted and asked to provide a project description and image for an Arlington Advocate publicity piece to be run in the March 24 or April 7 issue; Karin is awaiting word from Nicole at the Advocate. Karin has collected all blurbs and images and forwarded them to Nicole; she will try to come up with an image and blurb for those recipients who have not yet submitted any. She will forward blurbs to Scott so he can post them on the ACC website.

ITEM 7 New Business.

- Stephanie announced the formation of the Public Art Committee, a sub-committee of the Arlington Center for the Arts; members include David Ardito, Nancy Muise, Adria Arch, John Budzyna, Jane Howard, Kurt Fusaris, Jean VanOrman. Group meets monthly on third Thursday at 10 a.m.
- Sharon provided update on ATED (Arlington Committee on Tourist and Economic Development that is working on the Battle Road Scenic Byway, linking Arlington, Lexington and Concord. They are talking about public art opportunities so there may be opportunities for synergy with the new Public Art Committee. Sharon will forward information on an upcoming public meeting.
- Eliza mentioned attending the Robbins Lib/Arlington Garden Club event "Books in Bloom" in early March, a wonderful cultural event for Arlington. Encourages people to attend next year.

ITEM 8 Upcoming Events.

- Gail McCormick's art installation at Town Hall as part of the Ecofest on March 26.
- Tuba City presentation on their February trip, March 20, 3-5 pm at First Parish Church

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by Eliza Burden, Recording Secretary

Reserved rooms for the following upcoming meetings:

Monday April 11, GRANTEE RECEPTION, Second Flr Hearing Room, Town Hall, 6-7:30

Monday, May 9, 4th Floor Conference Room, Robbins Library, 7 pm

Monday, June 13, 4th Floor Conference Room, Robbins Library, 7 pm